



September 3, 2021

**ILLINOIS HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT: IHA Update: Exec. Order COVID-19 Testing Deadline Extended to Sept. 19**

This afternoon, Governor Pritzker publicly announced that he is extending the deadline by which all healthcare workers must begin weekly COVID-19 testing if they are not fully vaccinated. At IHA's urging, the original September 5 deadline for implementation of the Governor's testing mandate for unvaccinated healthcare workers contained in Executive Order 2021-20 **has been extended by two weeks to September 19**. See the Governor's new [Executive Order 2021-22](#) and [press release](#).

Based on feedback from the membership, an extension of this deadline was a high priority for IHA in our advocacy efforts surrounding this new order that was announced just eight days ago. The extension creates time to both prepare for the testing requirement and to continue IHA's advocacy efforts in the interim.

Additionally, the revised Executive Order (2021-22) clarifies that so long as a staff member is asymptomatic, hospitals may allow such staff member to continue working while awaiting the results of their weekly testing.

Thank you to all members who have shared your feedback and concerns about the order. IHA is working to further convey to our government partners the other challenges presented by the Executive Order.

We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.